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CHARGES MURRAY MADE CHANGE TO AID HIS FRIEND

W. B. Lymer Says Specifications for Pumping Station Machinery Were Altered After Bids Had Been Advertised For

NOTHING "SLIPPED OVER," SAYS MURRAY IN DENIAL

Lynch Asks That Lymer Produce Letters Said to Prove the Charge, But Loan Fund Commission Rejects All Five Tenders

At the close of the bid for furnishing equipment to the Kakaia sewer pumping station was rejected this morning at a meeting of the loan fund commission, held in the form of a public hearing at the capitol.

Lawyers and representatives of the various firms that had submitted bids on the equipment were present, and verbal fireworks at times were highly effective.

Attorney W. B. Lymer roused a bit of ire when he said that friendship on the part of the manager of the water department had led to an amendment in specifications after bids had been advertised for, in order to let the Lynch company in on the bid.

Lymer declared that any contract thus awarded would be invalid, and asked the commission to reject all bids and call for new ones.

Chairman Lester Petrie and Manager Murray both informed Lymer that Murray was not a member of the commission and that he had not had a part in passing the specifications. Lymer then withdrew his contention insofar as the commission was concerned.

James Lynch, representing the Lynch company, declared that Lymer's statement was too small to be answered, but denied that there had been any favor shown in the matter.

Lynch wanted Chairman Petrie to ask Lymer to show certain letters in which Lymer had stated that he could prove his contention, but Commissioner Castro rising to a point of order said that the matter was so complicated that in view of public interest the bids should all be rejected. Castro so moved and the motion carried.

"I can show the papers," said Lymer, just before Castro's motion.

Harry Murray, manager of the water department, declared after the vote to reject that he had done nothing in the matter that he could not answer for. There was nothing "slipped over," he declared, and no protests had been made prior to the opening of bids.

A second motion by Castro was passed, providing for the specifications to be reconsidered by the board.

Congressman Frear Says Hawaii Trip Seems Like Dream

Wisconsin Representative is Anxious to Come to Islands Again and Be With Ad Club

Representative James A. Frear of Wisconsin is not too busy with affairs congressional to forget Hawaii's charms, to which he paid tribute on his visit here with the Washington party last spring. In a letter to President Farrington of the Ad Club, responding to an invitation, he writes:

"Washington, D. C., Dec. 16.

"Hon. W. R. Farrington, president, Ad Club, Honolulu, Hawaii.

"My dear Mr. Farrington:

"Just a word to say that in the midst of laboring to acknowledge your invitation to be present at the Ad Club on December 6, I would like to have heard Evangelist Brown and to have joined in the Ad Club anthem, 'I Love You, Honolulu.'"

"It all seems like a dream and a wonderfully pleasant dream at that. We think of you frequently, and in this mail I am in receipt of Christmas greetings from Mr. and Mrs. Riggs. Some day I hope to be with you again."

DIAMOND KEKONA WILL ENLIST IN ENGLAND'S ARMY

In a letter which came yesterday from Diamond Kekona to his father, Dick Kekona Diamond, the young Hawaiian wrote that as soon as his wife recovers from illness he intends to enlist in the English army to bring honor to the name of Hawaii.

He will be the only Hawaiian fighting in any of the European armies, he thinks.

Kekona, a musician, left here nine years ago on a passenger boat for Philadelphia, and after playing there went to Germany and France and later to England. He married an English girl and now lives in Kidderminster. In his letter he says conditions are bad, men 50 years old and over are enlisting, and that he intended to go with the army before his three-day-old baby not died and his wife became ill.

"Aloha Nui Loa," he says at the close of the letter, "I would like to see Hawaii again."

AUSTRIA GIVES OUT FIGURES ON CHOLERA SPREAD

VIENNA, Austria.—The extent to which cholera followed the war into Austria-Hungary is shown by an official statement to the effect that the disease was epidemic only in Galicia, where the weekly number of cases in the month of August was from 1300 to 4000.

Since the middle of September of this year a rapid decrease was noted, and since the first week in October the number of cases occurring weekly has not exceeded 200.

Outside of Galicia there has been nothing resembling an epidemic. In the period from August 29 to October 2 there were, according to the official statement, only 140 cases in all Austria, with the exception of Galicia, Bukovina and the coast districts. In the last named two places there were 193 cases in the period stated. There have been 743 cases in all Austria since October 2.

The maximum number of cases in Hungary never exceeded 4000, a number which was reached in two weeks of June among Russian prisoners of war. Except for this, the maximum was 600 cases in the beginning of August. Since September the number has remained under 100 cases per week.

The official statement does not give the number of deaths from cholera.

SEVEN THOUSAND EXTRA VOTED AT SHERIFF'S PLEA

Police Department Will Have More Than \$1150 Extra Per Month Next Half Year

Increasing by practically \$7000 the appropriation of the last six months, the board of supervisors late last night voted an appropriation of \$75,000 for the police department in the coming half year budget. The action came after a lengthy discussion pro and con upon the question of the sheriff's need for more money, and of the efficiency of the office.

Mayor Lane today gave out the following statement for the board relative to the increased appropriation:

"On account of the charges of inefficiency of the police department made through various sources during the last several months, the board of supervisors has appropriated the sum of \$75,000 for six months in order to enable the sheriff to carry out the plans he deems advisable to make that department efficient."

"This action is taken on the understanding between the board and the sheriff that any suggestion the board makes through the police committee regarding the best interests of the department will be cooperated in by the sheriff."

ROBS PLANTATION OF \$14,000 OVER SIX-YEAR PERIOD

Hans Reichelt, Assistant Bookkeeper of Lihue Plantation Co., Arrested, Confesses

Stuffed Payrolls to Hide His Peculations

Prohibition Men Getting Ready For Big Campaigns

National Leaders Meet in Chicago, Discuss Possible Nominee in 1916 for President

[Associated Press by Federal Wireless]
CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 30.—The opening guns of the national prohibition fight which will be waged next year in conjunction with the presidential campaign and the lesser political fights in the states are being loaded in Chicago today.

Prohibition leaders from various parts of the country are assembled, to consider the coming general campaign.

They predict that unless the Republican and Democratic platforms of 1916 contain prohibition planks, there will be many defections among the voters, who will insist on a campaign against the liquor traffic.

Several possibilities are mentioned for presidential nominees on the prohibition ticket, including Ex-Governor Haley of Indiana; Ex-Governor William Sulzer of New York; Former Congressman R. P. Hobson of Alabama and Ex-Governor Eugene Foss of Massachusetts.

Sulzer, elected in the Democratic landslide of 1912, was soon after in hot water politically, and was ousted from office on charges of graft and corruption, his enemies of Tammany Hall being behind the fight on him.

25TH SOLDIERS AGAIN INVOLVED IN A STABBING

Two Privates Fight and Johnson Stabs Leonard; Good Chance for Recovery

The second stabbing affair within a few days occurred at Schofield Barracks this morning, and like the first, it was between two soldiers of the colored 25th Infantry regiment.

Private Leonard of Company K was stabbed in this morning's row by Private A. Johnson of the same company. Though the wound is serious, there is good hope that Leonard will recover. He was taken immediately to the hospital.

The quarrel occurred while the men were at work at a hayshed unloading some hay. Corporal Dial, who was in charge of the detail, reports that the men had been quarreling for some time at their work but he had kept them apart. His back being turned for a few moments, they began to fight, and Johnson stabbed Leonard in the left breast, under the arm, with a pocket-knife.

Others who were near the scene of the fight say that Leonard struck the first blow and that Johnson then whipped out the knife and used it effectively. Johnson is being held by the military authorities.

I COMPANY HAS LEAD IN FIELD MEET AT POST

(Special Star-Bulletin Correspondence)

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS, Dec. 30.—I Company finished ahead of the field in the 1st Infantry athletic events held on the 1st Infantry field this morning. The winners scored in nearly every event, securing a total of 15 points. F Company finished second with 14 points and C Company third with two points less than the second place team.

In the dashes Smith and Gray of K and E Companies led the field, Smith finishing ahead in the century with Gray second. The latter captured the furlong from Smith in the last time of 23 flat. A Company annexed two firsts and a third. The results of the events are as follows:

100-yard dash—Smith, K, 1st; Gray, E, 2nd; Hollins, L, 3rd. Time, 10:3.

220-yard dash—Gray, E, 1st; Smith, K, 2nd; Gregg, G, 3rd. Time, 23 flat.

Pitching tent—L, 1st; B, 2nd; F, 3rd.

Bayonet fencing—Kirk, K, 1st; Patrick, C, 2nd; Jankowski, H, 3rd.

Broad jump—Hollins, L, 1st; Edwards, H, 2nd; Casey, C, 3rd. Distance, 18 feet 8 inches.

Tug of war—Third Battalion won. Shot put—Hamilton, G, 1st; Montgomery, E, 2nd; Bentley, F, 3rd. Distance, 32 feet 4 inches.

Wall scaling—F, 1st; M, 2nd; H, 3rd. Time, 18 2-5 seconds.

Two men were injured and damage of \$87,000 caused by an explosion at the plant of the Peters Paper Co., at Latrobe, Pa.

STORM DAMAGE AT SCHOFIELD ABOUT \$20,000

An estimate of the total damage done at Schofield Barracks and Fort Castner by the heavy kona wind that swept over the military posts early Christmas morning places the damage done at least \$20,000. Immediately after the completion of the estimate, which covers the probable cost of repairs, a cablegram was sent to the war department at Washington asking a special appropriation at once for putting the barracks in habitable condition.

The sum asked will merely suffice to repair the frame buildings, and cannot be used for any permanent improvement. Three barracks were almost totally demolished, and will practically have to be rebuilt, and quarters will have to be provided for the recruit companies, which have been sleeping in tents, most of which were ruined by the storm.

In the quartermaster's office it is hoped the department may plan to do away with the temporary frame barracks and a larger sum may be set aside to build permanent quarters, frame, but constructed with a view to permanency.

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That there is heavy fighting on other parts of the eastern line is shown in unofficial advices from Russian sources which say that the Germans futilely attacked the Russian positions in the region of Lake Babin, while the Russians are threatening Mitau. The success of the Russians around Mitau is likely to endanger considerable forces of their opponents.

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